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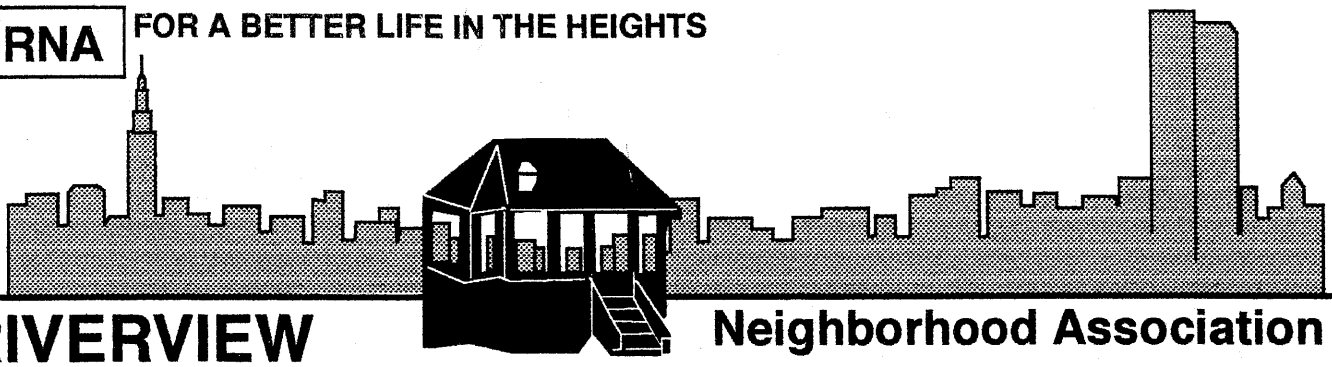

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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View from the Chair

Here we are at the start of RNA's 8th year in existence. A year that looks to be exciting, and full of challenge and change - both nationally and locally. I hope we are all ready to accept the changes to come and to meet the challenge of civic responsibility. People make the difference, people like us who care about the quality of life in their commmunities.

Our membership has always been there when they were needed - to aid in a cause of interest to our neighborhood, or to lend a hand for special projects. This is evidenced by the success, once again, of the 1992 food drive for needy families. Twenty one grocery-size bags of food were picked up by the Salvation Army on December 15th, along with four department size bags of toys. I congratulate you for the continuing success of this annual appeal.

It is with sadness that I report the loss of two long time friends of RNA: Frank Santoro and former member George Graul. George, who had moved out of the City after his retirement from the Jersey City Police force, was one of the original group of neighbors who conceived the idea of RNA.

Frank, another original founding member, was still active with our group. In fact, one of his last efforts on behalf of his neighbors was to participate in the Harbor View Holiday Party.

These two men will be greatly missed by their families, their friends and their communities.

Finally, we look forward this coming year to gathering more members from our newly expanded boundaries, and meeting other neighbors who we hope will care as much for our community as we do.

A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all!

Maria Tuzzo, Chair

Goodbye to a Friend and Neighbor

Frank Santoro passed away on December 22nd in Christ Hospital. Frank was a unique human being. He will be missed in our neighborhood.

This edition of the RNA newlsetter is dedicated to the memory of our friend Frank Santoro. He was one of the original and strongest supporters of our community work. He always said he was proud of the effort that RNA made to improve the quality of life in the neighborhhood. He was glad there was young blood to carry on this important work.

Frank was born in Italy in 1914. He was one of nine children. When they came to America, his family settled in Jersey City. "Idon't know how it started because I don't know why father decided to rent rooms in Jersey City. Anyway, here is a list of addresses where the Santoros lived sinced arriving in the good old U.S.A.: Central Avenue, Summit Avenue, West Street (West Hoboken), Leonard Street, Bleeker Street and Hudson Blvd." Although Frank never completed his education, he was know for his street smarts.

Frank met Fances Novak at a dance in the basement of St. Anne's Church, when she was 17 years old. Although she commented that he was too short for her, he persuaded her to dance with him. Later, they started dating and even won a dance contest at the Ascension Church. Frank married Frances in 1938 and they have lived on Ogden Avenue ever since. In 1942, Frank joined the merchant marine and his life was never the same. After that experience, he always wanted to travel - he grew restless and could never just sit around.

Frank started his famous Oxford Travel Agency in New York City after the war. He took to the travel business "like a

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's time to pay your RNA annual membership dues of $5.00 per person. Membership entitles you to full participation and voting rights in RNA, including the the annual election for executive officers. It also entitles you to nine issues of the RNA newsletter.

Bring your dues in person to the February meeting, or mail a check, made out to Riverview Neighborhood Association, to RNA, 232 Ogden Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, 07307.

COMING EVENTS

RNA MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH AT 7:15 PM

AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

1) Nominations for Election of RNA Officers

2) Discuss the expansion of the Community-based Policing program in the neighborhood

duck to water." His specialty was recrewing merchant ships around the world. The agency was the only coordinator of services for travelling seamen, handling complete and entire crew changeovers, as well as individual replacements and repatriations.

In 1966, he went to South Viet Nam on special assignment for the U.S. Navy. During the war, he was fired upon by the Viet Con while working with the French ambassador. In 1968, he went to Kenya as special consultant for the television program, American Sportsman, where he worked with Bing Crosby, David Janssen, Texas Governor John Connelly and William Holden, who became a close personal friend.

Throughout the seventies Frank traveled frequently to Monaco where he befriended members of the old European royalty, such as the last surviving relatives of the Russian Czar Nicholas. He also made friends with members of the "new" royalty such as Peter Sellers, Ringo Starr and Bill Wyman.

Although he was always traveling, he still had time for his family and friends on Ogden Avenue. One such incident was in the early 1960s during a terrible snow storm, where the snowfall was as high as a automobile. At that time Jersey City practically never cleared the snow off the street of Ogden Avenue. Frank along with a group of men cleared the street so that he and the other families could drive to work and go to the stores for supplies. The group, consisting of Frank's father-in-law, Frank Novak, George Graul, Mr. Keens, Joseph Gumini and his sons, Big Mike La Rovere and Leo Fischer, emptied the snow into the street sewer holes from 250 Ogden to Griffith Street.

After he retired, Frank enjoyed frequent trips to the Meadowlands and Atlantic City. In March of 1992, Frank and Frances organized a very elegant dinner party for their friends. Frank thanked all the people invited for being such good friends and expressed his love for them all.

Frank loved eating out in restaurants, although he had a reputation for being a very good Italian cook. He enjoyed marconi with clam sauce and made his own sauce. He even had a cooking kitchen and bar in his Oxford office on Fifth Avenue, where once a week he would have a dinner party for clients, friends and employees.

Although he always considered Jersey City his home, he always wanted to travel. He always wanted to see the world. In retirement, he would sit and look through the world atlas for places to visit. He had home-made films of the places he had traveled to.

He was very committed to RNA and believed that it was good for the neighborhood. He also loved a good debate. In one of the first issues in the RNA, Frank took the position that Mountain Road should remain open because it was a vital roadway to Hoboken, the waterfront and the Hudson tunnels. He demanded that the City take responsibility for the maintenance and security of the road. He enjoyed the annual flea markets. His last group participation was entertaining the Harbor View residents with the marachas at their Holiday Party. He was looking forward to doing it again next year.

Although they never had children, Frank and Frances treated their family and friends like an extended family.

These are some of the lasting memories that friends have of Frank: He was a sharp dresser with flair. With his dark blazer, majestic white hair and handlebar mustache - he cut quite an impressive figure. He was never satisfied unless he had the best. Frank always enjoyed having a good time. He was a classy guy.

We will all miss Frank Santoro. Goodbye dear friend and neighbor.

Vito Brunetti

Memories

Frank Santoro has been our best friend and neighbor for over fifty years. He was a kind compassionate man. Frank had a travel agency and has traveled around the world. He would tell us of his many adventures. Frank also spoke Spanish and Italian fluently with pride.

I remember the day he came home with a new sports car; he had a special horn installed that played the nursery rhyme, Mary Had a Little Lamb. The children would run to the curb when they saw Frank drive up, they would call out, "blow your horn, Frank." One little boy turned to his friend and said, "you know he's a billionaire!" We chuckled over that.

Frank was one in a million and he was loved by all who knew him. He will always be in our hearts and our prayers. God bless you Frank.

Pat, Frank, Josephine Allegretto

I am writing this for both Frances and Frank Santoro, even though this is supposed to be a tribute to Frank. During my years as a member of the RNA, I got to know this fine gentleman and lovely lady. I saw Frank last at the Harbor View Party. We had a good time and Frank enjoyed himself. I want to compliment Frances for her courage to carry on.

Jack Rea

(If there are other memories you would like to share with us about Frank or George Graul, please write them down and give them to RNA for the next newsletter. It is the finest tribute to the memory of a person to be remembered by their friends.)

Thank you

To all my dear friends of the Riverview Neighborhood Association:

I want to thank each and every one of you personally for being so kind, so thoughtful, and so understanding during my time of need.

Frank and I loved being a part of this neighborhood and being a part of the association. You made us feel as though we were the pillars of strength in this community for the younger generation trying to keep and preserve it like the way it once was.

I also want you to know that I plan to continue with my participation in the association as soon as I am able. I know that Frank would want it like that.

Sincerely, Frances Santoro

MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 1992 meeting: RNA's holiday party dominated the December meeting, but before we got to the fun, several matters were discussed, and one very important vote was taken.

At the December meeting, RNA voted overwhelmingly in favor of expanding its boundaries. THE NEW BOUNDARIES OF RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ARE CONGRESS STREET TO THE NORTH, AND CUNEO PLACE TO THE SOUTH. ALL OF PALISADE AVENUE AND OGDEN AVENUE BETWEEN THOSE TWO STREETS ARE NOW REPRESENTED BY RNA. Formerly, RNA represented residents on Ogden Avenue and Palisade Avenues between Bowers Street and Cuneo Place.

In voting for the expansion, RNA members expressed hope that the wider boundaries will bring more people into the neighborhood association. It was hoped that even a few hardworking, dedicated, new members could help revitalize RNA. There was only one dissenting vote, with the opponent of the expansion expressing concerns that RNA would have a bigger area to represent, but not enough new members to help carry the load. In response to that point, there was general agreement that RNA will not take on any big issue unless there is enough interest in the neighborhood, and enough people to do the necessary work.

After the vote, RNA members talked generally about spreading the word that the boundaries have changed. although no specific plans were made.

Other issues discussed briefly: sightings of raccoons, rabbits and possums on the cliffs behind Ogden Avenue; the possibility of inviting a member of a Jersey City taxpayer's coalition, the neighborhood's walking patrolman, Officer Shawn Carson, and Mayor Bret Schundler to future meetings; and an advisory that a printed notice announcing RNA's monthly meeting will be going up in a few stores on Palisade Avenue each month.

When our business was done, RNA adjourned the meeting and celebrated the holiday season with delicious home-made cakes, cookies and food. The annual RNA Holiday Party gave neighbors a chance to chat and enjoy each other's company in a social setting, outside of the confines of the monthly meeting. The food was delicious, the company delightful, and the holiday cheer was friendly enough to warm us through the winter.

Margaret McCorry, Secretary

January 12, 1993 meeting: If you missed the January 12th meeting, you missed the opportunity to meet the new mayor of Jersey City, Bret Schundler.

On rather short notice, Mayor Schundler paid a visit to explain in detail his plan for economic recovery for the City. He explained that there is a $ 41 million dollar deficit in the current budget: which means there is $41 million less for spending and the need to ask the taxpayers to make up this deficit by paying more taxes. There is the fear that the current property tax rate of $39/$1000. could be increased by as much as $8.00. His proposal is to create a not-for-profit Special Purpose Corporation to facilitate the sale of city-owned tax liens. The sale of these liens in bulk will provide the needed cash to eliminate the deficit, avoid the tax increase and in addition stave off city layoffs.

The Mayor urged us to attend the Council meeting on January 13th to show support for his plan, which he hopes will not only prevent an increase in property taxes but will actually reduce them. (The following day, the City Council passed the resolution that allows the mayor to hire WR Lazard, Laidlaw & Mead, Inc., for $75,000. as the financial advisor that will help set up this Corporation, develop a financing plan, recommend the timing of the sale and market the bond to investors.)

After our coffee break, we heard from two other unexpected speakers. Aristedes Pappidas, one of the co-founders of the Friends of Liberty State Park, was on hand to update our members on the current struggle to preserve the public use of open space in Liberty State Park. This civic group is opposed to the construction of a private golf course in the Park because it would deny non-golfing visitors use of this public land. The Park consists of 750 acres - of which only 450 acres are accessible to the public. The proposed golf course would close off an additional 150 acres of this land from the public.

There is also the problem of the contaminated soil that covers this parkland. An environmental statement would be needed before any official decision is made as to final disposition of the land. However, proponents of the golf course state that only $2.9 million dollars is needed to clean the soil, one foot deep. Mr. Pappidas thinks this figure is vastly underestimated and that the cost is closer to $12 million dollars. The proponents of the golf course state that it will provide revenue and eventually make the Park self-sufficient. Mr. Pappidas states that the golf course will never be able to support itself and it should be funded instead by the NJ Green Acres bonding funds. The final decision will be made by the NJDEPE (Scott Wiener is the Director). There will be public hearing at the RR Terminal in the Park in February. The Sierra Club and the Audubon Society support the The Friends of Liberty State Park's open space proposal. Obviously any proposal will be carefully scrutinized because of the vast need for publicly accessible open space in our county.

The last speaker was Ms. Terry Russell, of the Ascension Church who asked for RNA's support in the church's latest struggle with the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The position of the Diocese and Reverend Partridge (a deputy of Bishop Spong who is officially in charge of Ascension) is that the church should be closed. If this proposal is approved of by the six hundred delegates at the annual convention at the end of January, Ascension will be closed by March. The property and the church savings will go to the diocese. The Heights will have no Episcopal Church presence. The fear is that the Diocese will not build another church in the community. RNA has sent three letters in support of the Ascension Church to Bishop Spong, Bishop McKelvey and the convention delegates. The letters ask to vote against the closing of this community church.

Please join us at our next meeting, Tuesday, February 9th at 7: 15 pm at the Harbor View Health Center. Remember to pay your 1993 dues which are now $5.00. If you are already an active member, bring a

friend. If you're not a member, please come and find out about our neighborhood group.

Maria Tuzzo, Chairperson

HARBOR VIEW HOLIDAY PARTY

The RNA party, given each year for the residents of Harbor View Health Care Center, was again a success. This year there were about 40 nursing home residents who enjoyed the festivities. Accompanied by the music of Frank Frega, our members sang and danced to entertain the residents. Our members also served them homemade cake, rice pudding and refreshing apple juice.

Along with Mrs. Tuzzo, who dressed up as Santa, the following RNA members volunteered their time: Gert Bogdan, Rose Scalzo, Claire Gaito, Valerie Parzcyh, Jack Rea, Kathy Brennan, Dolly Quinton, Marie Tresca, Bea Higgins, Frances and Frank Santoro, Dorothy Rosario, Catherine Keens and Maria Tuzzo. Also on hand, were two friends of Gert Bogdan, Betty Marsh and Maria Goletsas. (If we have left out anyone, we apologize for the oversight.)

RNA sincerely thanks all the people for their support of this worthy activity. If you couldn't contribute your time, but did donate a baked goodie, we want to thank you also. See you next year, for a bigger, and better event.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Though our number was small, our happy group made it down Ogden Avenue to once again lend our voices to wish our neighbors a Happy Holiday season. The beautiful lights twinkling at us, the neighbors that came out to listen, the goodies we were treated to, the children that joined us and the well wishes from passers by - all helped to make us have an enjoyable time. Even Santa stopped to give the children candy canes. He was delivering pizza for the cuore di Napoli Pizzeria on Franklin Street.

Our group consisted of Gert Bogdan, Rose Scalzo, Maria Tuzzo, Kathy Brennan, Carol (a new member from the other side of the Park), Jack Rea, Stephanie Torres and John Carlos Torres. We were joined by other neighborhood children. A special thanks to Stephanie and John who, although they moved from the area, came back to carol with us. They have not missed this event every since we started. Hope you can join us next year!

IT'S A NEW YEAR

It's a New Year, a new President, a new Mayor and maybe some new members for RNA. Well if you were to meet some neighbors and get to talking about things - maybe you should bring up RNA and invite them to our next meeting. Tell them about the meeting they missed and how the Mayor explained his idea to reduce our taxes. Or how community policing will bring a more police presence to all our streets. And if that's not enough, explain how being a member, will enable them to have a stronger voice on how things that affect them in the neighborhood can be accomplished.

So get out there (if it is not too cold) and seek thy neighbor - especially all those in the newly expanded area. Check on their concerns and problems and tell them how RNA can help. Tell them that police officer Carson is on the beat right here in our little neck of the woods. And don't forget to spread the word: PLEASE DON'T LITTER!

Ernest Quintero, Vice-Chair

OUR SHOPPING DISTRICT

Mr. G, **A & P's** store manager, denied the rumors that appeared in the last edition of our newsletter that the Palisade Avenue food store will close. After being shown the article, he inquired about the truth of the rumor. His management stated that there are not plans to close the store in the near future. Although there is a new store being built on the Boulevard, the Palisade Avenue A &P will continue to serve the local community.

Over the holidays, two new businesses opened on Palisade Avenue. **Fisherman's Wharf** is a fresh fish market at 371 Palisade Avenue, off the corner of Franklin Street. It's telephone number is 420-7171.

Palisade Drycleaners is a dry cleaning business that recently opened at 429 Palisade Avenue (across the street from Palisade Lumber). It's telephone number is 659-4258. It advertises free pick up and delivery.

We should encourage the opening of these new businesses on Palisade Avenue, in order to revitalize our neighborhood. Therefore, it would be worthwhile to patronize these new stores and help them succeed. Let's hear from anyone who has shopped at these two new stores at the next meeting.

Meetings with the Mayor's Office and the Police

RNA had two meetings with City officials concerning the general problems confronting our neighborhood. On Thursday, January 21st, mayoral aide Joan Young was presented with a three page list of local issues that need resolution. These issues included:

1) the reopening of Mountain Road,
2) the lack of adequate maintenance and security in Riverview-Fiske Park,
3) additional street lighting on Palisade Avenue from Cuneo Place to Congress Street,
4) the need to tear down the rear structure (which is rapidly collapsing) at 454 Palisade Avenue,
5) the need for regular street and sidewalk cleaning of Palisade Avenue from Ferry Street to Bowers Street,
6) particular problem areas where garbage is constantly on sidewalk: 358 Palisade Avenue and 436 Palisade Avenue,
7) Gold Collision Auto Body Shop at 33 Griffith Street, where vehicles are constantly being repaired in the street and are being double parked,
8) 234-236 Ogden Avenue (owned by Norman Wilson: Chemrik and Maria Barrata): an abandoned property which needs adequate boarding up to prevent vandalism,
9) Ogden Avenue has been harassed by a family of raccoons for over six months,
10) the problem of drug dealing on the 100 block of Ogden Avenue, and

11) the need to patrol, clean and install new fencing on New York Avenue (Ravine Road).

The following day, Police Director Joseph Pelliccio was given a tour of Riverview-Fiske Park. He was shown the back of the park pavilion and the lower walkway along the cliff - where there is extensive drug activity and illegal drinking. Evidence of these illegal activities was the amount of broken beer and liquor bottles and the small crack vials scattered on the ground. He was informed that because of the inability of the police to see this activity from their squad cars or from the street, there is a need to require the police to patrol these areas on foot.

Both the Mayor's office and the Police Director promised to investigate these problems and get back to RNA about the their status.

COMMUNITY- BASED POLICING PROGRAM

On January 21st, Mayor Schundler and the Police Department officially announced the implementation of the community-based police program. Each of the four police districts will have a number of walking patrols that will supplement the squad cars on the night tour.

The North District, under Captain Shamburg, had started this program a few months ago. Officer Shawn Carson is the walking policeman that has been assigned to our area of Palisade and Ogden Avenues from Griffith Street to Jefferson Avenue. In addition, he is assigned to patrol New York And Webster Avenues. He has now been offically designated as Post #6.

In addition, Palisade and Ogden Avenue from Griffith Street to Congress Street has been assigned to Officer Steven Sansevere's Post #8. This encompasses Riverview-Fiske Park and our newly expanded boundaries. Post #8 includes Ogden Avenue to Central Avenue from Griffith Street to Patterson Plank Road.

NJ TRANSIT'S LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM

During the month of January, NJ Transit held public meetings to discuss the completion of their Alternative Analysis and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the improvement and renovation of the transportation system of the Hudson River Waterfront corridor. This report is a comprehensive study, required for eligibility of funding from the Federal Transit Administration. The report presented nine different alternatives from a "no-build" proposal to a light rail transit (LRT) system running from Route 440 in southwestern Jersey City to the NJ Turnpike's Vince Lombardi Park-and Ride in Ridgefield. The report addressed the transportation, social, economic and environmental issues and identified the likely impacts associated with implementing each of the transportation alternatives.

A major announcement that occurred during these public hearings was the presentation of an intergovernmental consensus agreement supporting the adoption of a modified Alternative XI, consisting of a core light rail transit system with northern and southern extensions. This consensus statement was signed by the 12 Mayors of Hudson County (Bayonne, East Newark, Guttenberg, Harrison, Hoboken, Jersey City, Kearny, North Bergen, Secaucus, Union City, Weehawken, and West New York) and the County Executive.

This agreement also specifically recommended that certain features of the LRT alternative be deleted from the proposal, including any exclusive bus expressways, or any additional roadway improvements not required for the LRT. In addition, the statement stressed that this transit system should promote and prioritize Waterfront employment centers over regional intercounty and interstate connectivity. The system should help Hudson County achieve the requirements of the Clean Air Act by reducing the number of vehicles and buses in the corridor.

Two concerns of the Heights, and the RNA in particular, have also been addressed by the Mayor's agreement. One is the need for a subcorridor study to examine the feasibility of extending the LRT into the Heights and Union City. Such an important transportation initiative as this must include our community. It is vital for our survival as a commercial center and residential community that we are served by this transit system.

Second is the future use of the Conrail right-of-way below the Palisade cliffs. Of particular interest is the stretch that runs behind western Hoboken (beside the Jackson Housing project)and below our neighborhood. The NJ Transit proposal has the LRT system running through Hoboken but does not indicate whether it will run along the eastern side - beside the waterfront - or the western side, below the Palisades. Judging from the comments at the public hearings, the people of Hoboken favor the LRT along the western side but there are indications that NJ Transit favors the eastern side. NJ Transit has stated that if the LRT is placed on the eastern side of Hoboken, it will give this right-of-way to the NJ Department of Transportation for study and final disposition.

Therefore RNA favors the placement of the LRT along the western boundary of Hoboken. Most importantly, this will give our Heights community more access to the system in general. Furthermore, it will eliminate the fear that some form of roadway will be built over the right-of-way if the LRT is not placed there. The public statement of the Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic states that "[t]he Conrail right-of-way under the Palisades should be preserved for rail travel and should not be transformed into another trans-Hudson bus thoroughfare. Of particular concern is the fact that there is no way to permanently bar autos from such a roadway and that pressures would inevitably build to permit auto traffic on this route."

CONRAD'S CORNER

Well we had another one of those NJ Transit meetings headed by Marty Robins and an army of speakers, mostly gung ho on light rail trolleys for the waterfront. No thought was given to the cost or the practicality of running an antiquated system on the streets of Hoboken and Jersey City.

Before we got rid of the trolleys some lines were replaced with trackless electric buses twenty years ago which seemed to be the answer except that they cost twice as much to run as a diesel bus. Whenever a wire

broke down the driver had to switch over to continue with a diesel engine to complete the run and a standby crew had to be summoned to fix the line, being very careful to disconnect the overhead wires to prevent a short circuit, which at 440 volts could be hazardous an even fatal if proper precautions were not taken.

It didn't take long for Public Service to abandon all the electric buses because they were too expensive to run. Another reason Public Service was anxious to get rid of the trolleys and the trolley buses was that they consumed a considerable amount of power during the rush hour when more and more people began using electricity. It was just the wrong time to try to overcome a power surge from all the trolleys running at the same time with direct current.

Sure a trolley running in its own roadbed like a train is practical but not in a paved street like Washington Street or along the waterfront roadway. A bus will do it at half the cost and will not require a standby crew to repair the trolley wire whenever it breaks down. Unless the trolley is run quite frequently the power loss becomes expensive all of which should be figured out if the system is run only during the rush hours. Perhaps a diesel bus may be the best power and cheapest in the long run anyway.

Reactivating the old trolley line on a trestle now with diesel buses at grade may be feasible if long freight trains will no longer run along the Palisades. The buses can then use Ravine Road which will cut off a mile from the line now using the Paterson Plankroad, all of which could reactivate the run down the palisades to about five minutes again instead of twenty minutes or longer from a freight train delay.

Diesel trains now running from Hoboken to the meadowlands with a station for a parking lot is all it would take to activate train service on an existing line to this important facility and cut down on parking problems along the waterfront. It's all there, why not make use of it? Since diesel trains usually keep their engines running all night it would not cost much more to run the trains for night events at the stadium as long as the diesels are idling away at night in Hoboken now. It only takes a train seven minutes from Hoboken to the stadium.

When Conrail gives up its freight line along the Palisades, diesel passenger service can be reactivated to Bayonne on existing track and Newark Airport, it's all there. Let's not let this one get away this time before NJ Transit would rather build a new system along the waterfront which would take at least another ten years to build and would never be able to hook up to Newark Airport because the present line would be torn down as was done before when a bridge for a very fast run to Newark Airport was eliminated.

We could have had all these improvements ten years ago, if NJ Transit had no opposed them and from all indications it would seem they are ready to do it again to stretch their jobs.

CONGRATULATIONS

RNA would like to wish our good friends and neighbors Edith and Tom Redmirski good cheer on the celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary which occurred on January 19, 1993. All the best to two of the nicest people on Ogden Avenue. May you both have good health and happiness for the rest of your lives. God Bless.

LEARN FROM OUR CHILDREN

Stephanie and John Carlos Torres had a chance of winning a turkey in school and since their mother already had their turkey, their friend Hector suggested that they cook it and bring it down to Journal Square to give a holiday dinner to those who would not be home for the holidays.

They did not win the turkey but an idea as this was so great that in order for them not to be disappointed, someone gave them a turkey. Their mom, Debbie, cooked it and Hector, the children, and their two uncles, Rey and Victor, all went down to the Square to serve it. The people there were very grateful and thanked them profusely. They are already looking forward to doing it again. Caring is Sharing.

CHROMIUM EXPOSURE

The NJ Department of Health is sponsoring free screenings for chromium levels at the Jersey City Medical Center. This is a city-wide program to determine the potential extent of the chromium poisoning that has occurred because of the use of this toxic by-product as landfill in our communities.

Of particular concern to the RNA community is the area bordered by the following streets:

a) Hancock between Franklin and Griffith
b) Cambridge between Franklin and Griffith
c) Central between Franklin and Griffith
d) Franklin between Central and Hancock
e) Hutton between Central and Hancock
f) Griffith between Central and Hancock.

If you live in this area , you are encouraged to call **915-2208** for an appointment for a screening. All interested persons are asked to call before February 26, 1993. This screening is free of charge and available for a limited time only.

FEBRUARY

Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays.
It is the month of lovers, Valentine's Day, candy and flowers.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to announce the official expansion of the northern boundaries of the Riverview Neighborhood Association from Bowers Street to Congress Street on both Palisade and Ogden Avenues. (Riverview Neighborhood Association will now represent residents living on Palisade and Ogden Avenues from Congress Street to Cuneo Place.)

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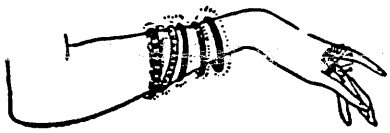

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ANNUAL RNA ELECTIONS

Nominations for the annual election of the Riverview Neighborhood Association's executive officers will take place at the February 9th meeting. The positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Sargent-at-Arms will be open for the election.

In order to hold office, a person must be a homeowner, tenant or businessperson within the RNA boundaries. The newly expanded boundaries are Palisade and Ogden Avenues from Cuneo Place to Congress Street. This person must also be an active member who has paid their 1993 membership dues of $5.00.

A person's nomination must be seconded by another active member. (A person can nominate themselves.)

Nominations will remain open until the March 9th meeting at which time they will be closed and the elections will be held. Help support your community and participate in these elections.

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